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1. Receipt of Letter dated December 13, 1999 is acknowledged and placed in the file.

2. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Hieu T. Vo whose telephone number is (703) 308-1951. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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